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Board of EMS Meeting
Maine EMS Conference Room
September 1, 1999
MINUTES

Members Present: Leo Bouchard (Chair-elect), Charles Little, Richard Doughty, William Dunwoody, Steve Leach, John Defillip, Steve Hayes, Peter DiPietrantonio, Penelope Stevens, Wayne Werts, Oden Cassidy, Debbie Dane, Carol Pillsbury, Rebecca Chagrasulis (ex-officio)

Regional Coordinators: Dan Bahr, Donnie Carroll, Joanne LeBrun, Randall Bumps

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Dwight Corning, Bill Montejo

1. Introductions

None needed.

2. Minutes - August 4, 1999 Meeting

MOTION: To accept the minutes as presented (Dunwoody; second by Stevens). Carried.

3. Old Business

A. *Investigations Task Force* - Report

W. Werts reported that the Task Force did not meet in September.

B. *Unfinished Business*

None at this time.

C. *Other*

None at this time.

4. New Business

A. *Ops Team/Committee Action Items*

Jay reported the Ops Team will be having a joint meeting with the Education Committee on Wednesday, September 8. The regular Ops business meeting will follow that afternoon.

Bill Dunwoody announced that Randy Bumps will be leaving as KV Regional Coordinator on September 17, 1999. Randy has accepted a position in the Augusta office of Senator Susan Collins starting in late September. KV has started the process to seek a replacement. Bill expressed gratitude for the work that Randy has done in KV and acknowledged that finding a suitable replacement will not be an easy task.

B. Investigations Committee Action Items

None at this time.

Steve Leach reported that there will be an informal conference with Penobscot Valley Hospital and Northeast EMS at the October Board meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to review the concerns that were brought to the Board by Northeast EMS and the reply that was submitted by PVH.

Jay reported that as directed at the August Board meeting, he surveyed the state EMS directors that have e-mail regarding any penalty guidelines that have been developed. Jay found several states that are interested in such a guideline, a few that started but eventually gave up, and one state that has been working on this for 10 years but has not yet given up. It was acknowledged by several directors that while such a tool would be very helpful, the obstacles are significant.

C. Rules Revisions: Sections 6-14 & Appendices

The Board, staff, and Ops Team spend considerable time discussing these sections of the Rules. Consensus on the wording of the Rules will be compiled by Drexell and Bill, then distributed to service chiefs for preliminary comments/questions. The goal is to present comments received to the Board at its October meeting and begin the formal Rules revision process in late October and November.

D. Other

Jay reported that MEMS received a request from Northeast Mobile Health Services for approval of their QA committee in accordance with the EMS Law. Staff recommendation is to approve this request.

MOTION: To approve the Quality Assurance Committee of Northeast Mobile Health Services in accordance with 32 MRSA § 92-A. (Leach; second by Dunwoody). Carried. Leo Bouchard abstained from voting.

5. Staff Report

Activities - Report

Jay reported that Drexell was attending an Advanced Investigator Training program in Portland, Oregon this week. Inspections have been completed in Southern Maine and are now beginning in Mid Coast.

B. MDPB Report

Dr. Chagrasulis reported that the MDPB did not meet in July or August. The next scheduled meeting is September 15.

C. Other

Dr. DiPietrantonio expressed concern about the volume of investigations that seem to be taking place, especially the ones dealing with unlicensed practice. Jay said that he would have Drexell prepare a summary of investigations over the past three years for the October meeting.

Debbie Dane raised the question of requiring service sponsorship for licensure. Jay said this is a topic that has been briefly discussed by both staff and the Ops Team, and is one which the Board should dedicate some time to at a future meeting. The current law requires service sponsorship for EMS licensure, thus any change in this requirement would need Legislative approval before the Board could modify the Rules relating to this area.

6. Other

Leo announced that due to the length of this meeting, and the absence of the Board chair, the Personnel and Finance Committee will not be meeting today. The meeting will be rescheduled to follow the October meeting.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.